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on July 24th, which has since been observed in Utah as Pioneer Day.

In Salt Lake Valley. Beginnings of Irrigation. The Pioneers pitched their tents and corraled their wagons below the mouth of a canyon in the north-eastern part of the Valley. From that canyon issued a stream—the one now known as City Creek. It then divided into two branches, one flowing west, the other south. The first camp was about where the Salt Lake City and County Building now stands. The first plowing done was within an area now between the Deseret National Bank and the Hotel Knutsford. It was difficult work. More than one plowshare was broken in the hard, sun-baked soil.*

To make the plowing easier, dams were placed in the creek, and the ground flooded. This was the beginning of irrigation in arid America—at least, by men of the Anglo-Saxon race. The land broken was planted with potatoes, corn, oats, buck-wheat, peas, beans, and other garden seeds. These crops, put in so late, did not mature, but a few small potatoes were obtained as excellent seed for another year's planting.

While this work was going on, the Valley was explored. Brigham Young ascended and named Ensign Peak, and visited the Lake and other points of interest. It was decided that a city should be built, beginning at what is now Temple Block, between the two branches of City Creek.

*The first furrows were plowed by George W. Brown, William Carter, and Shadrach Roundy.

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List of: Irrigation Companies in Provo River Valley

Names	HBUM PP.	FGS	Pict	Hist
Midway Irrigation Co.				
North Field Irrigation Co.				
Lake Creek Irrigation Co. 1st Pres. Robert Broadhead 1836-1916 Mr. W. tt				
Center Creek Irrigation Co.				
Charleston Irrigation Co.				
Wallsburg Irrigation Co.				
<i>in Wallsburg</i> { Main Creek Irrigation Co.				
{ North Ditch Irrigation Co.				
{ Hobble Creek Irrigation Co.				
Daniel Creek Irrigation Co.				

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List of: Canals in Provo River Valley

Names	HBUM PP.	FGS	Pict	Hist
<p>Timpanogos Canal</p> <p>Wasatch Canal</p> <p>Sagebrush Canal</p> <p>Spring Creek Canal</p> <p>Lake Creek Canal</p> <p>Willow Creek Canal</p>				


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List of: Springs in Provo River Valley

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Names	HBUM PP.	FGS	Pict	Hist
<p><u>Heber:</u></p> <p>London Spring Broadhead Spring</p>				
<p><u>Midway:</u></p> <p>Berkenshaw Springs Gerber Springs Homestead Hot Spring (Schneiter's) Mt. Spaa (Luke's) Hot Spring Galli Hot Spring</p>				

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of Aaron and Leah Horton Thacker. He married Rachel Tonks in 1844. She was born in Willinshall, Staffordshire, England, on June 27, 1827, daughter of Farnally Timothy and Ann Jones Tonks. They were later sealed in the Endowment House on February 15, 1862. Rachel died May 7, 1893, at Charleston. William married Mary Brown in the Salt Lake Temple in 1899. She died in 1909. William died January 15, 1915, at Heber, at the home of his daughter, Isabell Moulton, at the age of 91.

William Thacker had one brother. Their father, Aaron, died when the boys were very young and their mother married again. At the age of 21, William married Rachel Tonks. She worked both before and after her marriage for a manufacturing company.

In 1856, they set sail by steerage for America, bringing with them their four living children. Leah was born September 13, 1845; Hannah, born March 22, 1847; Lida, born and died August 25, 1848; Anna Maria, born November 1, 1849; Elizabeth, born May 24, 1851; and Timothy born November 7, 1854. They had joined the LDS Church the year Elizabeth was born. They were six weeks crossing on the ship "Amazon," landing at Boston, Mass., on July 12, 1856. They went to New York, where Eliza Jane was born, November 17, 1856, who died in Philadelphia on November 5, 1857. While in Philadelphia both parents worked in a factory polishing buckles while preparing to come to Utah. The children attended school. Here Isabell was born July 12, 1858, and Sarah Ann was born January 7, 1861, who died November 6, 1861. After living in Philadelphia five years they had earned enough to provide clothing and supplies for themselves and children so were ready to start across the plains for Utah. Before they could start the U.S. officers took Wil-